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BECKHAM

Jan. 27 – Mrs. Hermon Moore visited in the home of Harwood Coleman Sunday. All members of the family were present. A picnic lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Story, Tony and Irene were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Roby Whorley of Big Island.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yeatts and family of Crewe, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin Jr., Kathy and Tammy, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter and girls and Mrs. Geraldine Moore and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin visited Mrs. Martins sister, Mrs. Nancy Peters in Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday evening.

Abner Martin was honored with a birthday party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Martin of Concord. Present were Mrs. O. W. Martin, Mrs. S. G. Martin, Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. B Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blanks, Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn, Philip Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard, Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris and Susan.

Mrs. Mary Burge and Paul Burge visited Mr. H. O. Martin Sunday night.

Mrs. Mary Burge and Paul Burge were Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mrs. E. C. Jennings honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Mary Burge, Mrs. E. C. Jennings, Mrs. Ernest Brown and Miss Beth Brown.

Mrs. E. C. Jennings accompanied Mrs. Mary Burge and Paul Burge for a visit with Mrs. Joseph Mays of Forest Sunday evening. She had the misfortune to break her leg.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin and Mrs. Ashby Martin were Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Judy and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn and Mrs. S. G. Martin were present for a birthday dinner at Mandy's Restaurant Appomattox, honoring Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr. Others present were Mrs. T. R. Martin, Miss Janet Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reddy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumbeller, Dana and Timmy.

BECKHAM

Jan. 20 – Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds visited Mrs. Herman Moore Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Moore accompanied Mrs. Reynolds for a visit with Mrs. John C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hubard Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy visited Mr. and Mrs. Mindy Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Watts Moore and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee Burge visited Mrs. Mary Burge and Paul Burge Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Burge and Paul Burge visited Mrs. E. C. Jennings Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Story, Tony and Irene visited Mrs. Whorley of Big Island Sunday.

Mrs. R. H. Ferguson of Lynchburg was surprised with a birthday dinner at Kenny's Americana Sunday. Those present were Mrs. Ivans Ferguson, Kathy Ferguson, Mrs. Winston Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Martin Jr., Miss Janet Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie Morris, Carolyn Jo Morris, Mr. Marvin Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Martin and E. W. Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., Judy and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin and Mrs. Ashby Martin.

Mrs. R. E. Mays is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell of Tyro.

Miss Gay Honeycutt plans to spend Tuesday night with Carolyn Jo Morris.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumbeller, Dona and Timmy

Mrs. Ramsey's 4-H

7-C held their monthly 4-H meeting on January 15, 1970 The president called the meeting to order, the pledges to the flags were said, and the minutes were read. Mr. Lacks passed out the available project record books and Miss Mayton talked to us, about writing checks. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Debbie Rush
Reporter

Mrs. Webb's 4-H

Mrs. Webbs 5th grade 4-H Club met January 16, 1970. President Randy Hipps called the meeting to order. Secretary Beth Jones read the minutes. Song leaders, Melinda McIntosh and Tom Hix, led us in singing Bingo and some other songs. Mr. Lacks brought our project books. He explained the project. He showed us how to write a check.

Cynthia Hix, Reporter

High way Bids Include Flood Relief Projects

Richmond--paving of 19 miles of Interstate system in Augusta and Warren Counties and the beginning of the Arterial system bypass at Suffolk are among the 37 high way construction projects that have been advertised by the State Highway Department for bids to be received February 18 in Richmond.

Ten additional emergency relief projects to rebuild bridges and highways destroyed by the August flood caused by Hurricane Camille have been added to the previously scheduled projects. Bids were received January 21 for the first 14 permanent construction projects in the flood - damaged areas of the state. Among these are two major bridge projects across the James River at Howardsville and Columbia.

The new flood relief projects include three bridges in Nelson County at the Tye River at Massies Mill, the Rockfish River at Joplins Ford, the Buffalo River at Piedmont, and in Caroline County on U. S. 301 at Reedy Creek, south of Doggetts Fork. Five of the projects are for drainage structures and approaches.

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The Pastor Speaks

Confessing Our Sin

John says in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

This statement is almost too good to be true. God promises us a forgiveness, a washing away of our sins by confession of them. Confession means admission, a frank statement of fact that we have broken God's law, and that with his help we want to improve and do better.

Yet, men will overlook this promise of God's word and will try to forget their evil ways by activity, relationalization, excuse-making, or self-resignation. When a man fails God he may often say, "I'll do better next time." He probably won't. What he needs to do is to admit to God his shortcoming and trust to God for help to do better.

If we confess, God can confess our sins he literally means we can confess anything. We can confess "great" sins including murder, robbery, or adultery. We can also confess the "little" sins – unkindness, jealousy, hatred, bitterness. Any sin can be brought before God, and confessed, and forgiveness and victory will be forthcoming. When you sin before the Lord, confess your sin, confess about it. Admit that sin to God. Get the forgiveness and his strength to overcome it.

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Lacks Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

Fire prevention habit!

Mrs. Houchens 5th Grade 4-H

Mrs. Houchen's 5th Grade had 4-H on January 8, 1970. Mr. Lacks announced 4-H T.V. Action will begin January 24 at 7:30 a.m. on Channel 7. He gave us our T.V. Action project books membership card and pin. Mr. Lacks also announced we could plant pine seedlings.

Bernadette Martin, Rep.

Mrs. Beamon's 4-H

Mrs. Beamon's 4-H Club met on January 8, 1970, Jerry Cyrus and Cheryl Robinson led us in the pledges. Miss Mayton gave us our project books and discussed them. She told us about planting pine seedlings.

Cheryl Robinson, Rep.

Mrs. Harvey's 4-H

On Friday, January 16, 1970 Mrs. Harvey's 6th Grade 4-H met. We received our project books. We also discussed the Forestry Establishment Project. Our program was on "How To Write A Check."

Danny Hix, Reporter

The Senior 4-H Meets

The Senior 4-H Club of Carver-Price High School met on Jan. 15, 1970 in the school auditorium. The meeting was opened with a song and prayer by Dicky Carter. Pledges to the American and the 4-H flag took place. Old and new business was discussed. Minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary, Mr. James, our county agent, discussed and demonstrated to the members how to write a check. The meeting was adjourned.

Virginia A. Berkley,
Reporter.

COUNTY LINE

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Henry Reed, Mrs. Reed passed away this week at the Lynchburg Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and Sons Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layne and daughter of Lynchburg Sunday night.

Mrs. Emery Mullins is on the sick list, We hope she will soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann of Fort Lee spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and Cheryl of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard, Miss Amy Evans and Mr. Bennie Martin and son of Appomattox.

Cecil Nash of Fort Lee spent the week end at his home here.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

OF WHEAT AND TARES

Lesson for February 1, 1970

Background Scripture: Amos 2: 6 through 3:2; Matthew 13:1-51; Revelation 19.

Devotional Reading: Psalms 1.

Some of the richest men in the United States today include a number of racketeers who have amassed millions of dollars in illegal profits and yet have managed to evade prosecution by the law. They have cleverly escaped detection and, as each year passes, the possibility of convicting seems to diminish.

Many people want to know how God can allow this to happen. How can he permit these people to go unpunished? How can he allow them to prosper while good men are in want? If the law cannot give them what they deserve, cannot God bring them their just deserts?

The Freedom To Choose

If we are to seek answers to these questions we must understand, first of all, the source of evil in our world. God neither causes evil nor is he indifferent to it. Yet, in what we believe, he brings the freedom to choose to either good or evil. Thus, he permits each to choose whether he wishes men to choose for themselves. It is his will for them to choose evil, but he does not make that choice for them. Because he permits people to choose evil, God has to, and he always many opportunities for evil in our everyday lives.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat helps us with this problem in that it reminds us that it is God alone who can determine which are the "wheat" and which are the "tares." The householder tells the servants, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them." You and I judge according to appearances which often, we find, may be quite deceptive. Only God can judge rightly, looking beyond the appearances to the realities.

This is probably why Jesus used the comparison of the wheat and tares. Tares are a weed that looks very much like wheat, making it difficult to differentiate by appearance alone. To mistake a tare for wheat could be a serious mistake, for tares have a very bitter taste and cause dizziness.

The Final Harvest

What is true of tares and wheat is often true of people too. Some people may appear to be one thing and turn out to be something quite different. Some people whom you have substantially misjudged? Or perhaps you meet someone who seems distant and unfriendly, yet in time they prove to be very fine people. We are not really equipped to judge with finality the souls of our fellow men.

There is a third thing this parable tells us: the execution of God's judgement comes, not during this lifetime, but at some time in the life beyond this world. The parable speaks of the final "harvest" when wheat and seeds will be separated according to the instructions of the householder.

Jesus, then, is the answer to those questions, which point to the persistence of evil in the world and ask: "How can God let it happen?" Some evil, to be sure, does bring punishment in this life to those who practice it, but the ultimate and final penalty is reserved for God's own day of judgement.

Another Opportunity

This is what Jesus means when he says, "Let both grow together until the harvest . . ." At that time, judgement will be executed by him who alone is able to judge.

This parable also helps us understand better our mission in the world. It is a mission that takes us into the whole world and not just to the "elect" so-called "good people," who have added opportunity to people for the kingdom, and who otherwise might be lost for want of power of evil. For we must remember: the tares do not have to remain tares!

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Farm size continues to grow as the population continues to drop. 5 1/2 per cent of the total acreage is farmers. Only 83 congressional districts out of 435 have more than a 15% farm population.

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Seed-tapes can save a lot of frustration during cold weather. They seem to ease, simple to operate and relatively inexpensive. There are some who wrap pipes with seed-tape, tie it in place and connect it when necessary. It's good insurance when frozen water.

LIBERTY CHAPEL

Search me, O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked ways in me and lead me in the ways everlasting. Psalms 139: 23 - 24.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Dorothy Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Burks and children of Lynchburg, and her mother Mrs. Elsie Megginson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Megginson, Sr., Josie, Mrs. Cynthia Megginson visited her sister Mrs. Crewe, Mrs. Buster Clements and her father, Mr. Clayton Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Robert and Ronda and Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Merrette.

Let us pray for our boys in service, especially for the one's over seas.

EVERGREEN

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Young were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Young of Lynchburg, Mrs. Maggie Harvey of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harvey.

Donald Hamilton of Newport News spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foster of Brookneal Sunday night.

Rev. and Mrs. David Lee Bailey of Gladys were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham Sunday.

Robert Lee Smith and sons of Blacksburg spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and R. T. Smith.

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APPINGHAM

"Always do good. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest". Mark Twain.

The young people of Union and Pleasant Grove Churches attended a film, "A Prescription For Doc", at First Baptist Church, Dillwyn on Sunday night. The film and fellowship hour was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Vinia Kress, who had minor surgery last Thursday, is feeling much improved. Mrs. Kress' daughter, Mrs. Marie Ball, of Marion, is a patient in Smythe County Community Hospital.

'Appingham' welcomes Rev. and Mrs. George Lawerence, the new pastor of Union and Antioch Churches. Mrs. Lawerence, who has been a patient in a Richmond Hospital, has returned home to recuperate.

Those on our sick list include Mr. B. S. Gunter and Mrs. Nellie Bryant. Get well wishes also go out for Mrs. Rhea Heath, Mrs. Isabel Watson, Mr. Tom Watson, Mr. Walter Wingfield and Mr. Warriner McFadden.

Mrs. Coye C. Loveday remains ill in Southside Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Day, of Richmond, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Van Day. Sympathy is extended Mrs. Burton Day in the loss of her brother.

A surprise birthday celebration was given in honor of Rev. D. R. Justus last Wednesday night. Prayer meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McGuntergan. Afterwards, Mrs. Fannie Gunter served refreshments including a birthday cake, candy and many returns of the day. Rev. Justus!

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gunter and granddaughters, Deanna, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gowin, Sunday afternoon.

ROCKS

Jan. 26 – The coldest morning of the season, 18 here Thursday morning.

Friends are sorry to hear Elvira Martin of Lynchburg is in the Lynchburg General Hospital and was operated on last week. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Mrs. Claudie Ranson of Appomattox spent last week end with her son, Harry and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wooldridge of Appomattox visited Mrs. Eva Cawthorn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Ricketts and daughters of Madison Heights visited her aunt Miss Clara Snell recently.

Mrs. Joyce Hipps was visiting her aunt Beulah Cobbs at Pamplin Friday.

Mrs. H. C. Cralle is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and family of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Smith of Farmville visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge and Mrs. Eva Cawthorn Friday night.

Several of the farmers finished selling tobacco last week.

The school children were glad to be at home from school again.

Ricky Shelton had a virus last week. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McIntosh and girls were super guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach on Thursday night.

A number were out for the study of the letter of James on Wednesday and Thursday night.

A large crowd attended the Welch funeral at Pamplin Friday afternoon.

Several had frozen pipes and well trouble last week.

A few of the young people from here attended the Youth service at Liberty Church Saturday night.

A speedy recovery is wished Walter Wingfield of near Hollywood, who is sick.

Men's day was observed at Church Sunday. A large crowd was present.

Samuel Dickerson was the preacher and brought a fine message. The quartet furnished special music.

Sign-Up Period Announced For Farm Programs

Sign-up period for the 1970 wheat and feed grain voluntary farm programs will begin February 2 and continue through March 20, according to J. P. Davis, Jr., Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee Chairman.

Eligible producers may sign up at the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office, Appomattox, Va., during office hours throughout this period.

Notice of feed grain base acres, projected yields, and payment rates have been mailed to farmers. Program explanation leaflets were included. Wheat allotment notices and program explanations were sent in the fall of 1969 to eligible producers following the announcement of 1970 program provisions for that crop.

Participants who comply with program provisions are eligible for price-support loans and payments on their feed grain and wheat crops. Also, feed grain and wheat producers may receive payments for diverting additional acres from production of these crops.

In Appomattox County, 835 farms with 9,212 base acres of corn, grain sorghum, and barley are eligible for participation in the feed grain program. There are 767 farms with wheat allotment acres totaling 4,535.

Last year about 46 percent of the feed grain farms were signed up in the ASC farm program, about 52 percent of the wheat farms, in the county, Mr. Alvis said.

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Jaycee Jottings

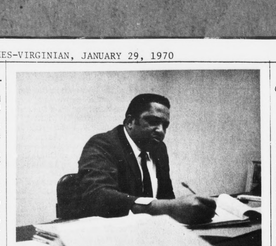
By RONNIE LEWIS

As evidenced by last weeks full page in this newspaper honoring the Appomattox County Jaycees in "their" week one can recognize the fact that the Jaycees are continueing their efforts in this "The Year of Community Involvement." We wish to thank the publisher of The Times Virginian for the space donated. Those projects have proven their merit not only to this community but especially to those Jaycees that have donated their time and energy in helping to make Appomattox a better place in which to live. However, as "our year" is only one half completed, we are not finished yet. Projects such as "Apple Jelly Sunday", "Measles Clinic", "Light Bulb Sale" and Dribble and Shoot Contest" are just a few of the programs scheduled for the near future. In addition the Jaycees are once again planning to assist the Appomatox County Youth Association in their baseball program this year. This reporter attended the meeting of this association held Jan. 21 and speaking, not only as a Jaycee, but as an interested citizen would like to urge anyone desiring to help in this program this year contact any of its members. They need your help. Get out and get involved.

Our chapter was complimented last week as Mr. Chris Kourtsis, Vice President of Region Eight, attended our membership meeting and requested that Appomattox furnish a Regional Chairman for the state F.O.W.M.L.A. project, a project concerning our nations prisoners of war. Mr. Kourtsis stated "I came to the chapter I felt could get the job done". Jaycee Danny Simpson accepted chairmanship of this project.

This month's Jaycee Of The Month was Robert Earl Pankey. This award is presented monthly to that Jaycee displaying outstanding devotion to the Chapter and the community.

A note in closing: Take advantage of small opportunities and you won't need to wait for the big one.



New F.H.A. Supervisor

Mr. Raymond H. Parker has been assigned County Supervisor for the Appomattox office of the Farmers Home Administration effective December 16, 1969. He replaces Mr. J. W. Peck, Jr. who was transferred to the Culpeper office. Mr. Parker served as Assistant County Supervisor in the Ashland and Kenbridge offices before coming to Appomattox.

He is a native of Bedford County and taught Vocational Agriculture in the Susie G. Gibson High School there for three years. He is married and has three children. His family is residing in Blackstone, Virginia for the present. He is a Deacon of the Washington Street Baptist Church in Bedford, Virginia. His wife also taught in the Bedford County School system for several years.

Mr. Parker says he looks forward with great anticipation to serving the rural credit needs of Appomattox and Campbell Counties.

HOLLYWOOD

Mrs. George Woodson of Richmond was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson and family of Madison Heights spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey.

Relatives and friends were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. Will O'Brien of Prospect. Much sympathy is extended all her love ones.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith were their son Bobby Smith and Miss Joan Murray of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent Saturday night with Mrs. Charlie Bagby.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mrs. Richard Carson and Janet spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Inge spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Franklin and family, Mrs. M. L. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb visited Mr. Walter Wingfield at Virginia Baptist Hospital during the week end.

We were indeed sorry to hear of the death last week of Rev. Donald Carson of Lynch, N. C. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Mr and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were visitors of Miss Margarette Gillham Saturday night.

Visitors Saturday of Mrs. Charlie Bagby were Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell, Mrs. Clem Woodall and Ronnie and Miss Mary Ellen Wingfield.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel were Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wiley and children of Lynchburg.

Miss Joyce Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Greer and baby spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

We are sorry to hear Miss Pat Light is on the sick list. We hope she may soon be well.

Mrs. Otis Smith and Mrs. W. T. Covington spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Mrs. Charlie Bagby, Mrs. W. H. Wingfield Misses Julia and Mary Ellen Wingfield, and Mr. Bill Watson visited Mr. W. H. Wingfield in Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday. They also called in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodall.

Mr. Alfred Almond and Miss Brenda Almond visited Mrs. Charlie Bagby one afternoon last week.

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